



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: AN INTEGRATED OPTICAL CIRCUIT
HAVING AN INTEGRATED ARRAYED
WAVEGUIDE GRATING (AWG) AND
OPTICAL AMPLIFIER(S)

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2003, the Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. Claim Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5. The Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Kindly enter the following Amendments and consider the following Remarks.